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Private & Confidential Fit and Proper Persons Test

1. PURPOSE/AIM

- 1.1 The Trust's internal audit processes highlighted some administrative gaps in the Trust's Fit and Proper Person process, hence the purpose of this paper is to remind the Trust Board including Executive Directors (those with voting rights), the Trust Chairman, Non-Executive Directors and other senior managers falling within the definition of Very Senior Managers (VSMs) [referred to hereinafter as directors] at Yorkshire Ambulance Service of their responsibilities under the Fit and Proper Persons Test. The paper also attaches the Fit and Proper Persons Policy for approval.
- 1.2 The Fit and Proper Persons regulations apply howsoever contracted, procured, hired or otherwise engaged by the Trust, whether the post is an associate position and irrespective of voting rights.

2. BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

- 2.1 On 27 November 2014, NHS provider organisations were required to meet regulatory requirements, in particular to ensure that new director level appointments meet the 'fit and proper persons test' which were integrated into the CQC registration requirements. These requirements fall within the CQC regulatory and inspection approach and are reviewed under the 'well-led' domain.
- 2.2 The aim of this regulation is to ensure all board level appointments of NHS Trusts, who are responsible for the overall quality and safety of patient care, are individuals who are fit and proper to carry out this responsibility.
- 2.3 The regulation applies to Executive and Non-Executive Directors, including permanent, interim and associate positions, irrespective of voting rights including senior managers falling within the definition of VSM [directors].
- 2.4 The Fit and Proper Person Requirements lists categories of persons who are prohibited from holding office and for whom there is no discretion. There is an expectation of senior leaders to set the tone and culture of the organisation that leads to staff adopting a caring and compassionate attitude. As such, in making director appointments, Boards must take account of the values of the organisation and the candidate's fit to these values.
- 2.5 Providers must not appoint to a director posts unless the individual:
- Is of good character (previous criminal convictions and whether the individual has been removed from/struck off a regulatory professional register should be considered as part of this assessment)
 - Has the qualifications, competence, skills and experience necessary for the relevant position
 - Is capable, by reason of their health, of undertaking the relevant position (after any reasonable adjustments under the Equality Act 2010)

- Has not been responsible for, been privy to, contributed to or facilitated any serious misconduct or mismanagement (whether unlawful or not) in the course of carrying on a regulated activity or providing a service elsewhere which, if provided in England, would be a regulated activity
- Is not deemed as unfit, as per the 'unfit' criteria.

A director is deemed unfit if:

- s/he is an undischarged bankrupt
- s/he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy order
- s/he has an undischarged arrangement with creditors
- s/he is included on any barring list preventing them from working with children and/ or vulnerable adults
- s/he is prohibited from holding the position or office by or under any enactment e.g. the Companies Act or Charities Act.

2.6 In addition, there should be an annual declaration in place to ensure that directors can confirm that they consider themselves to be 'fit and proper'.

2.7 A paper was brought to the Remuneration and Terms and Conditions of Service Committee in March 2015 in order to commence the implementation of the regulation.

2.8 It was determined in 2015 that the Fit and Proper Persons test would apply to all directors.

3. POLICY FOR FIT AND PROPER PERSONS

3.1 Although a paper was submitted to the Trust's Remuneration and Terms and Conditions of Service Committee in 2015 and checks were being undertaken, the Trust did not have a Policy in place to cover the ongoing Trust responsibilities for Fit and Proper Persons.

3.2 An action from the audit report was that a policy was to be in place to ensure that ongoing checks were robust and responsibilities were clear. Section 3 of the new policy sets out these responsibilities. For clarity the HR team will undertake pre and post-employment checks including the ongoing Fit and Proper Person testing and the Trust Secretary will ensure that annual declarations and objectives of the Directors are recorded on file. The Trust Secretary will also submit annually to the Trust Board, with the Annual Register of Interests, an assurance of the compliance with the Fit and Proper Persons Regulations.

3.3 A Fit and Proper Persons Policy is set out in Appendix 1. This policy aims to ensure that all directors are aware of their responsibilities and recognise that these include annual responsibilities. Approval of this Policy is requested.

4. ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

4.1 The Policy in Appendix 1 sets out the annual responsibilities of directors.

4.2 Section 4 of this document states “On-going compliance with the Regulation for directors in post should be annually assessed, this is facilitated through:

- The completion of an annual self-declaration
- Annual checks on insolvency, bankruptcy, director qualification and registration with professional bodies (where qualifications are required for the role)
- The annual appraisal and objective setting process, which should assess performance and competence, ultimately contributing towards an ongoing assessment of character. “

4.3 Directors should be aware that this annual process will be implemented and records of each annual check will be held on file in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. These records will be subject to further audits.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Trust Executive Group:

1. Note the contents of the paper
2. Recognise the responsibilities of every Director
3. Approve the Fit and Proper Person Policy.

6. APPENDICES

Fit and Proper Persons Policy



**FIT AND PROPER PERSONS POLICY & PROCEDURE
 (Regulation 5: Director Appointments)**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014: Regulation 5: Fit and Proper Persons (Directors) places a duty on NHS organisations to ensure that those who hold, or are due to hold, a director position within the Trust are 'fit and proper' to carry out the role of overseeing the quality and safety of care.
- 1.2 The regulation applies to all directors including Executive Directors (those with voting rights), the Trust Chairman, Non-Executive Directors and other senior managers falling within the definition of Very Senior Managers (VSMs) [referred to hereinafter as directors]. The regulations apply regardless of contract status, whether the post is an associate position and irrespective of voting rights. This document will refer to all as 'director'.

For the full regulation visit: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/regulation-5-fit-and-proper-persons-directors#full-regulation>

- 1.3 This document outlines the Trust's commitment to ensuring that all persons appointed as directors satisfy the requirements of the regulation. The individual does not have to be an employee of the Trust to fall within the scope of this policy.

2. General Principles

- 2.1 Under the regulations, the Trust must satisfy itself that individuals who hold, or are due to hold a director position:
- are of good character
 - have the necessary qualifications, competence, skills and experience (including being registered with the appropriate professional regulator)
 - have the appropriate level of physical and mental fitness, subject to reasonable adjustments
 - have not been responsible for, been privy to, contributed to or facilitated any serious misconduct or mismanagement (whether unlawful or not) in the course of carrying on a regulated activity or providing a service elsewhere which, if provided in England, would be a regulated activity
 - none of the grounds of unfitness specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 apply to the individual.
- 2.2 These requirements must be held at the point of commencing the role and on an ongoing basis.
- 2.3 In the event an individual ceases to be a fit and proper person, the individual may be dismissed and the Trust will notify the individual's and the Trust's regulators.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 Trust Chairman

To take overall responsibility and accountability for ensuring all those required to confirm that they meet the requirements of the Regulated Activities Regulations do so at appointment and as an ongoing requirement. The Chairman may delegate this responsibility to the Director of Workforce, but will ultimately remain accountable.

To ensure that an annual appraisal and objective setting process takes place each year and that evidence of compliance is submitted to RTSC and the Board annually.

3.2 Those within the scope of the Fit and Proper Person Regulations (all directors)

- To hold and maintain suitability for the role they are undertaking.
- To respond to any requests of evidence of their ongoing suitability i.e. annual re-checks.
- To disclose any issues which may call into question their suitability for the role they are undertaking
- Participate in annual appraisal and objective setting processes as directed.
- To make a declaration of any interests to the Trust Secretary so that these can be added to the Register of Interests and submitted to the Board at least annually.

3.3 Human Resources

- To ensure that all pre and post-employment checks are undertaken in line with the regulation and NHS Employment Check standards for all directors and ensure the results are recorded and evidenced within an individual's file.
- To undertake an annual refresh of suitability for all directors on request from the Trust Secretary.

3.4 Trust Secretary

- To act as the liaison officer between NHS Improvement and the Trust in respect of the appointment process for the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors (including Associate Non-Executive Directors).
- To oversee all appointment checks for Directors and ensure the results are recorded and evidenced within an individual's file. Where checks have not been undertaken by NHS Improvement, require assurance that these checks are undertaken by Human Resources.
- To undertake an annual refresh of suitability (as outlined in Appendix B) for all Directors. This includes requesting that an annual declaration of suitability is completed by all directors annually. This should be requested in November of each year in order that the assurance of compliance can be given to the Board of Directors [the Board] each February.
- To submit annually to the Board, with the Annual Register of Interests, an assurance of the compliance with the Fit and Proper Persons Regulations.
- To ensure that the Register of Interests is maintained and that arrangements are in place for all directors to make declarations when required.

3.5 Procurement

To ensure all agencies/candidate providers understand their responsibilities and comply with the requirements of this policy. This should be evidenced through suitable contract documentation to ensure the position is clear

3.6 Agency Providers

To ensure the necessary checks that are outlined in this policy have been undertaken for any interim staff supplied to the Trust and make those checks available as and when requested.

4. Procedure for recruitment

- 4.1 The job description should refer to the requirement to comply with the Fit and Proper Persons requirement. This should also be included within the advert and person specification.
- 4.2 Where specific qualifications are required for a role, these must be clearly defined in the person specification and the Trust must verify the validity of qualifications as part of the pre-employment checks.
- 4.3 The recruitment process should include a values-based assessment, as this will help form the assessment as to whether candidates are of good character.
- 4.4 The interview process should include some specific questions designed to test the compliance with the key components of the Regulation.
- 4.5 'Good character' and fitness to practice should also be assessed through the pre-employment checks process in line with NHS standards. Some of these checks are undertaken by NHS Improvement and some checks by the Trust. These are set out below:

NHS Improvement

- A company Director search – for any self-employed candidates etc
- Disqualified Director search
- Insolvency/Bankruptcy search
- Background checks
- Regulator checks where applicable
- Qualification checks - where applicable i.e. financial qualifications where a financial qualification is required
- 3 references for each newly appointed Non-executive
- Fit and proper person declaration form to be completed by the non-executive

Trust

- Proof of identity i.e. driving licence or passport
- DBS check (if required for the role as set out below)
 - Chief Executive (as the Accountable Officer)
 - Medical Director
 - Nurse Executive Lead
 - Director of Operations – Whosoever is in role (given their accountability to the board for front line staff delivering patient care).
 - Director of Planned and Urgent Care – whosoever is in role (given their accountability to the board for front line staff delivering patient care).
 - Director of Workforce & OD – accountability for staff recruitment policy
 - Director of Finance
- Occupational Health clearance
- Detailed references to cover as a minimum the preceding 3 years, one of which must be from the most recent employer (if not gained by NHS Improvement)

- A full employment history (with satisfactory explanation for any employment gaps)
 - A Self-declaration confirming compliance with the Regulation
 - Right to work checks
 - Model Declaration A / B (Self-declaration)
 - Google search
 - *Secondary employment check
 - *Driving licence check (via Licence Bureau)
- *Additional pre-employment checks undertaken by YAS as part of normal recruitment check process*

The Trust will ensure that the checks are undertaken by NHS Improvement and ensure that a complete record is kept in the individual's personal file.

Appendix A details the assurance checks which need to be undertaken to satisfy the Fit and Proper Persons Test, and **Appendix B** is a check list to be used during the appointment process. The assurance checks will be logged centrally by the Human Resources Team upon receipt of the completed checklist and required documentary evidence.

- 4.6 Candidates must complete a self-declaration to confirm their compliance with the Regulation prior to commencing employment, and on an ongoing basis as required thereafter (**Appendix C**)
- 4.7 Appointment letters and the terms and conditions of employment for new directors should state that continuing employment is conditional upon the individual remaining compliant with the requirements of the Fit and Proper Persons Test.
- 4.8 The new director induction should include the need for continued compliance with the Fit and Proper Persons Test.

5. Assessing compliance during appointment

- 5.1 On-going compliance with the Regulation for all directors should be annually assessed, this is facilitated through:
 - The completion of an annual self-declaration
 - Annual checks on insolvency, bankruptcy, director qualification and registration with professional bodies (where qualifications are required for the role)
 - The annual appraisal process, which should assess performance and competence, ultimately contributing towards an ongoing assessment of character.

Appendix D is a check list to be used during the annual assessment process. The annual assurance checks will be logged centrally by the Human Resources Team upon receipt of the completed checklist and required documentary evidence.

- 5.2 For non-executive directors seeking re-appointment compliance with the Regulation must be assessed.

6. Addressing non-compliance

- 6.1 The Trust will investigate in a timely manner any concerns regarding the fitness or the ability of a director to carry out their duties. An investigation will be conducted in line with Trust policy.
- 6.2 The Trust has a duty to inform others, as appropriate, about concerns/findings relating to a

person's fitness; for example, NHS Improvement, professional regulators, CQC and other relevant bodies, and support any related enquiries/investigations carried out by others.

7. Board Assurance

- 7.1 The Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee, depending on the type of appointment, will receive a report to confirm implementation of the Fit and Proper Persons Regulations for existing post holders.
- 7.2 The Committee will also receive reports regarding new appointments and the annual checking process. The Chairman is the accountable officer for ensuring compliance for new starters. A summary of compliance will appear in the Trust's annual report.

8. Process for Review and Revision

- 8.1 This policy will be reviewed in three years' time unless legislative or other changes necessitate an earlier review.

9. Monitoring Compliance and Effectiveness

- 9.1 The Human Resources department will conduct annual audits to ensure compliance with the standards as set out in this policy.
- 9.2 Compliance with this policy will be monitored on an annual basis by the Trust Secretary through the Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee.

10. Associated Documentation

- 10.1 This policy can be located via the staff library (policies) on the Trust's intranet, from any Human Resource representative, line manager or staff side representative.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Trust policies, procedures and guidance:

- Recruitment and Selection Policy
- Effective Recruitment and Selection – Management Guidance
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Policy
- Probationary Policy / Probationary Policy Management Guidance
- Professional Registration and Membership Policy
- Secondary Employment Policy

Fit and Proper Person Tests Assurance Checks

Assurance Check	Requirement	Stage of the process	Comments
Application / CV Check	Full employment history together with satisfactory written explanation of any gaps in employment	Shortlisting	Application / CV to be reviewed to identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any unexplained gaps in employment • any regulated activity • any work with children or vulnerable adults • any services held in health or social care • qualitative assessment of specific skills, knowledge, experience and qualifications required
	Has the qualification, competence, skills and experience necessary for the role		
Self-declaration form	<p>Self-declaration form to be completed at application stage.</p> <p>If a self-declaration form is not submitted with the application form then it will be chased during pre-employment checks.</p>	Shortlisting / Pre-employment checks	Self-declaration to be reviewed to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No disqualification apply • No conflicts of interest • Nothing in personal or professional life that might cause embarrassment • Nothing that could impact on suitability for the role
Interview / Assessment process	Has the qualifications, competence, skills and experience necessary for the role	Assessment	Assessment of the leadership behaviours required to carry out the role. Interview notes to be retained as evidence.
Evidence of Identify	Certified copies of original documents to be taken including photographic evidence (i.e. passport and/or driving licence). This should be used to confirm the identity of the person who was interviewed.	Assessment / Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to evidence of identity being provided.
Evidence of Right to Work	Certified copies of original Right to Work documentation	Assessment / Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to evidence of right to work being provided.
Evidence of Qualifications	Certified copies of original certificates which evidence professional qualifications as specified (e.g. financial qualification)	Assessment / Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to evidence of right to work being provided.

Assurance Check	Requirement	Stage of the process	Comments
Evidence of professional registration	A check of the relevant regulatory body where professional registration is a requirement of the role.	Assessment / Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to evidence of professional registration, where applicable.
HPAN	A check of the health professional alert notice register where this is relevant to the role.	Pre-employment checks	Check undertaken as part of pre-employment checks.
DBS	A DBS check will be undertaken where the role meets the requirement for a DBS disclosure.	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to satisfactory DBS, where applicable.
Model Declaration A / B	Self-declaration form to be completed during pre-employment check stage. This allows the candidate the opportunity to declare any relevant cautions or convictions, investigations and/or formal action taken by a regulatory body.	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to receipt of satisfactory self-declaration. Model Declaration A = for positions eligible for a standard or enhanced DBS. Model Declaration B = for positions that are not eligible for a standard or enhanced DBS.
Occupational Health	Able by reason of their health, after reasonable adjustments, of performing the duties of the role.	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to satisfactory Occupational Health Clearance. Reasonable adjustments to be considered as required.
References	As a minimum references must cover the preceding 3 years employment history. The references will relate, where appropriate, to the most recent regulated activity and include the most recent employer/role.	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to the receipt of satisfactory references.
Search of insolvency and bankruptcy register	Search candidates' names / DOB against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insolvency register • Bankruptcy register 	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to a satisfactory check of the insolvency and bankruptcy register. A screen print of the relevant screens should be retained to evidence that the check has been undertaken.
Search of disqualified directors register	Search candidates' names / DOB against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disqualified directors register 	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to a satisfactory check of the disqualified directors register. A screen print of the relevant screens should be retained to evidence that the check has been undertaken.

Assurance Check	Requirement	Stage of the process	Comments
Google search	Search for the candidate's name on google.	Pre-employment checks	Appointment conditional to a satisfactory check of the Google search engine. A screen print of the relevant screens should be retained to evidence that the check has been undertaken.
*Secondary employment	Secondary employment form to be completed	Pre-employment checks	Secondary employment form to be reviewed to ensure there is no conflict of interest.
*Driving Licence Check – Licence Bureau (if claiming mileage)	Driving Licence Check form to be completed to enable a driving licence check to be undertaken via the Licence Bureau	Pre-employment checks	Employment subject to a satisfactory driver licence check.

**Additional pre-employment checks undertaken by YAS as part of normal recruitment check process*



Fit and Proper Person Test Assurance Checklist (New Appointment)

Candidate Name: _____

Position appointed to: _____

Description	Date check undertaken (A copy of any original documents should be taken, signed and dated to verify originals seen)	Evidence/copy retained for personal file Y/N
Job Description and Person Specification	N/A	
Application Form / CV (Detailing full employment history)	N/A	
Written explanation of any gaps in employment	N/A	
Self-Declaration Form		
Interview Notes	N/A	
Evidence of identity		
Evidence of Right to Work		
Evidence of Qualifications		
Professional Registration Checked (if applicable)		
HPAN – Alert Register (if applicable)		
DBS (if relevant)		
Model Declaration A / B (as applicable)		
Occupational Health		
References		
Search of insolvency and bankruptcy register www.gov.uk/search-bankruptcy-insolvency-register		
Search of disqualified directors register www.insolvencydirect.bis.gov.uk/IESdatabase/viewdirectorssummary-new.asp		
Google Search		
Secondary Employment Form		
Driving Licence Check – Licence Bureau (if claiming mileage)		
Unconditional Offer Letter	N/A	
Terms and Conditions of Employment	N/A	

Evidence of the above pre-employment checks must be forwarded to the recruitment team to ensure that these are placed on the individual's recruitment files, which will become the personal file.



FIT & PROPER FIT TEST (DIRECTOR) PRE-EMPLOYMENT & ANNUAL SELF-DECLARATION

Director positions (or Director-Equivalent posts) at Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust are subject to Regulation 5 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 (“the Regulations”); in particular the requirement that board level appointment must be “fit and proper persons”. Board level appointments include the Trust Chairman, Executive and Non-Executive directors and other senior managers falling with the definition of Very Senior Manager (VSM) (including permanent, interim and associate positions) irrespective of voting rights howsoever contracted, procured, hired or otherwise engaged by the Trust. These posts are referred to as ‘directors’.

Regulation 5 of the Regulated Activities Regulations states that the Trust must not appoint or have in place an individual as a director, or performing the functions of a director, if they do not satisfy all the requirements set out in paragraph 3 of the Regulation to be a fit person. In addition they must not meet any of the ‘unfit’ criteria as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

The Trust shall not appoint, or permit to continue as a director, any person who is an unfit person.

The CQC document ‘Regulation 5: Fit and Proper Persons: directors – information for NHS Bodies, March 2015’ as amended from time to time provides further guidance on the requirement; http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150327_fppr_provider_guidance.pdf

It is a condition of employment that those holding director positions within the Trust provide confirmation in writing, on appointment and thereafter as required, of their fitness to hold such a position.

The Trust will ensure that its contracts of employment with its directors contain a provision which clearly permits summary dismissal in the event of a Director being, or becoming, an unfit person. The Trust will enforce that provision promptly upon discovering any director to be an unfit person.

The definitions of being a “**fit and proper person**” under the requirements of paragraph 3 of Regulation 5 of the Regulated Activities Regulations are:

- a) that you are of good character;
- b) that you have the qualifications, competence, skills and experience which are necessary for the relevant office or position or the work for which you are employed;
- c) you are able by reason of your health, after reasonable adjustments are made, of properly performing tasks which are intrinsic to the position for which you are appointed or the work for which you are employed;
- d) you have not been responsible for, privy to, contributed to or facilitated any serious misconduct or mismanagement (whether unlawful or not) in the course of carrying on a regulated activity or providing a service elsewhere which, if provided in England, would be a regulated activity; and
- e) none of the grounds of unfitness specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 apply to you.

The definitions of an “**unfit person**” as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations are:

- a) you are an uncharged bankrupt or a person whose estate has had sequestration awarded in respect of it and who has not been discharged;

- b) you are the subject of bankruptcy or a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order or an order to like effect made in Scotland or Northern Ireland;
- c) you are a person to whom a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies under Part VIIA (debt relief orders) of the Insolvency Act 1986(40);
- d) you have made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, creditors and not been discharged in respect of it;
- e) you are included in the children’s barred list or the adults’ barred list maintained under section 2 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, or in any corresponding list maintained under an equivalent enactment in force in Scotland or Northern Ireland;
- f) you are prohibited from holding the relevant office or position, or in the case of an individual from carrying on the regulated activity, by or under any enactment.

Declaration

I confirm that I comply with the requirements of Regulation 5 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014, in that:

- I meet the definitions of a fit and proper person as detailed above.
- I do not fall within the definitions of an “unfit person” as defined above.
- I am not aware of any pending proceedings or matters which may call such a declaration into question.
- I will notify the Trust immediately if I no longer satisfy the criteria to be a “fit and proper person” or grounds under which I would be ineligible to continue in post come to my attention.

Name:

Position:

Signed:

Date:



**Fit and Proper Person Test Assurance Checklist
 (Annual Assessment)**

Candidate Name: _____

Position appointed to: _____

Description	Date check undertaken	Evidence/copy retained for personal file Y/N	Signed
Self-Declaration Form			
Professional Registration Checked (if applicable)			
HPAN – Alert Register (if applicable)			
Search of insolvency and bankruptcy register www.gov.uk/search-bankruptcy-insolvency-register			
Search of disqualified directors register www.insolvencydirect.bis.gov.uk/IESdatabase/viewdirectorssummary-new.asp			
Google Search			
Annual appraisal			
Annual Objective Setting			
DBS re-check (Every 3 years - if applicable)			

Evidence of the above assurance checks must be forwarded to the Trust's Human Resources Department along with this check list to ensure these are placed on the individual's personal file.